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SUBJ: KING HASSAN II IN CASABLANCA

REF: CASABLANCA 517

1. AFTER QUIET WEEK STAY IN CASABLANCA, KING HASSAN II CELEBRATED 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOROCCAN REVOLUTION EVENING AUGUST 20 AT POPULAR QUARTER ON OUTSKIRTS CASABLANCA. KING ARRIVED ALONG CROWD-FILLED STREETS STANDING IN OPEN MERCEDES. HE DELIVERED SPEECH TO THRONGS FROM PLATFORM IN OPEN SPACE CORDONED OFF BY ROPE AND SOLDIERS WITH OLD FREEDOM FIGHTERS OBVIOUSLY PACKED IN FRONT LINES. BACKDROP WAS LARGE BIDONVILLE AREA SURROUNDED BY WORKING CLASS APARTMENT UNITS. KING CALLED INTER ALIA FOR REGROUPMENT OF ALL ELEMENTS TO ASSURE SOCIAL PROGRESS. ASSERTING COLONIAL PERIOD DEPRIVED MOROCCO OF ITS "ORIGINALITY" CAUSING IT TO TURN TO FUTILITIES EXPORTED FROM ABROAD, KING WARNED OF DANGERS OF NEO-COLONIALISM AND CALLED FOR MOROCCANS TO USE STRICTLY MOROCCAN GENIUS IN SOLVING ITS PROBLEMS.

2. KING SHOOK HANDS OF TOP CASABLANCA MILITARY OFFICERS AND CONSULAR CORPS LINING RED CARPET PRIOR TO MOUNTING STAND.

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PM AND OTHER MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE. BEFORE DEPARTURE HE

CIRCULATED PERIPHERY OF CROWDS SHAKING HANDS ALONG WAY AND
DEPARTED AFTER SUNSET STANDING IN OPEN CAR WITH TV LIGHTS
PLAYED ON HIM.

3. COMMENT: SPEAKING AS USUAL WITHOUT NOTES, KING'S
DELIVERY, IN CLASSICAL MIXED WITH DIALECTIC ARABIC, WAS
IMPRESSIVE. HE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED COURAGE AND CONSIDERABLE
CONFIDENCE IN MOROCCAN CITY WHERE HE PROBABLY LEAST POPULAR.
ANFA HILL AREA SURROUNDING PALACE HAS BEEN VIRTUAL MILITARY
ENCAMPMENT DURING KING'S STAY WITH BIVOUACKED TROOPS
AND TROOP CARRIERS OCCUPYING VACANT SPACES AND BLACK ALFA
ROMEO PURSUIT CARS LOCATED AT STRATEGIC CROSSROADS.
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